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SUBJECT: 28TH INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS IN PRAGUE  
SEPTEMBER 26-30

1. CZECHOSLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES LEADERSHIP MET WITH PAO  
SEPTEMBER 7 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING IAC CONGRESS IN PRAGUE.  
IT TOOK TWO WEEKS TO ARRANGE THIS ROUTINE MEETING THROUGH THE  
MFA AND CAS, BUT ONCE IT TOOK PLACE THE MANNER WAS BUSINESS-LIKE.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKS ASKED WHO WILL BE RANKING NASA REPRESENTATIVE?  
THEY NOTED THAT SOVIET INTERCOSMOS ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR V.  
PETROF WILL BE PRESENT. ALSO INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AN  
AMERICAN ASTRONAUT TO ATTEND? POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET ASTRONAUTS  
KUBASOV, EGOROV, SEVASTIANOV, AND LEONOV WILL BE PRESENT AND SERVE  
AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF SEVERAL DISCUSSION SESSIONS. NOTED THAT  
WHILE PROGRAM IS PRINTED AND SESSIONS PLANNED, TI WOULD BE  
IMPOSSIBLE TO INVITE AMERICAN ASTRONAUT TO BE A CO-CHAIRMAN, BUT  
HE WOULD BE GIVEN VIP TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT  
GREETINGS TO THE CONGRESS.

3. ESTIMATE 850 PEOPLE FROM 34 COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND THIS WEEK-LONG  
EVENT. AMERICAN DELEGATION IS 186, RUSSIAN 115, AND FRENCH 102.  
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN SESSIONS ON FUTURE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
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SATELLITES, AMERICAN SPACE SHUTTLE, SCIENTIFIC SPACE CRAFT, AND  
WORLDWIDE DISASTER AND RESCUE PROGRAMS. SOME 268 SCIENTIFIC  
PAPERS WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE WEEK-LONG EVENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ADDITION TO ANSWERING QUERIES ON NASA AND  
ASTRONAUT QUESTIONS, CAN DEPARTMENT INFORM AMERICAN INSTITUTE  
OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS DIRECTOR JAMES J. HARFORD THAT

AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26 HAS BEEN PREEMPTED  
BY PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION THAT EVENING. HARFORD'S PHONE IS  
(212) 581-4300. ONLY OTHER FEASIBLE TIME TO HOLD A COCKTAIL IS  
THRUSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, FROM 6 TO 8P.M. HOWEVER, THIS PARTIALLY CONF  
LICTS  
WITH THE FIVE TO SEVEN P.M. SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL SPACE RESCUE SYS  
TEMS. OPTIONAL  
THEATER EVENING FOLLOWS AT 8 P.M. (LATERNA MAGICA).

5. FOR GLENN: PLEASE RELAY ABOVE INFORMATION TO HARFORD, OR IN HIS  
ABSENCE, MIRELLE GERARD, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS , AIAA,  
(SAME PHOEN) AND ASK THEM TO CAL PAO FREDERICK QUINN AT EMBASSY  
(536-641 TO 9) BEFORE FOUR P.M. PRAGUE TIME SEPTEMBER 29.

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